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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (cancelled)

Claim 2 (amended): The method of claim ~~12~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said inoculation and said *Echinacea* supplementation are carried out simultaneously.

Claim 3 (amended): The method of claim ~~12~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said inoculation and said *Echinacea* supplementation are begun on day-old chicks.

Claim 4 (amended): The method of claim ~~12~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said *Echinacea* supplement is about 0.1% (w/w) to about 0.5% (w/w) of said dietary composition.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim ~~6~~<sup>5</sup> (amended): The method of claim ~~12~~<sup>1</sup>, wherein said *Echinacea* supplement is removed from said dietary regimen after two weeks.

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Claim ~~7~~ (amended): The method of claim ~~12~~, wherein said *Echinacea* supplement is *Echinacea purpurea*.

Claim 8 (cancelled)

Claim 9 (currently cancelled)

Claim 10 (currently cancelled)

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim ~~12~~ (original) A method for protecting poultry against coccidiosis, said method comprising 1) inoculating chicks with an effective amount of an anticoccidial vaccine and 2) providing a dietary regimen composition comprising a mixture of A) poultry feed and B) an *Echinacea* preparation in an amount effective for enhancing an immune response to said vaccine.

Claim 13 (currently cancelled)